

Narberth Urban District Council

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present the Annual Report on the health of your district during the year 1961.

During the year the health of your district has been good. There were no infant deaths or deaths from tuberculosis for a third consecutive year and also no new cases of tuberculosis were notified. Fourteen cases of measles and three of whooping cough were notified, but all these cases were relatively mild and no serious complications were reported.

Water Supply

There was less interruption of the supply of water this year. It is hoped that a permanent solution of this problem is in sight.

Housing

During the year the new council houses were occupied and this has solved the worst of the housing problems. There is still a need for further housing accommodation for the elderly.

Again I would like to emphasise how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene regulations and conditions have improved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk, Mrs. V.K. Hughes, for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,



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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1961.....
.....960.....

	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1961</u>	<u>Narberth</u> <u>U.D.1960</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Live Births	16	15		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	16.7	14.6	17.84	17.4
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	nil	6.6	4.7	
Still Births	nil	nil		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	24.0	18.7
Total Live and Still Births	16	15		
Infant Deaths	nil	nil		
Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 year) (per 1,000 Live Births)				
- total	nil	nil	22.08	21.4
- legitimate	nil	nil	23.3	
- illegitimate	nil	nil	12.6	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks)(per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	nil	15.0	
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week)(per 1,000 Live Births)	nil	nil	13.2	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week and Still Births Combined)(per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	36.9	
There were again no deaths of infants under one year of age during the year 1961.				
Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	nil	nil	0.58	0.33
Deaths	23	20		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	23.95	19.4	12.47	12.0

The general death rate again shows an increase and remains higher than the rate for the County and for England and Wales. Seven of the 23 deaths were accounted for by vascular lesions of the nervous system, the cause of the highest number of deaths from any one cause. Of the 3 deaths from malignant

disease, two were due to cancer of the lung and both occurred in males aged 30 and 55 years. Approximately 47.82% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged 70 years or over and of these, 63.63 % occurred in persons aged 80 years or over.

<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	15	8
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	2
Coronary disease, angina,	3	2
Other heart disease	1	-
Influenza	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2
All other accidents	1	-

NOTIFICATIONS OF INEECTIOUS DISEASES

Measles	14
Whooping Cough	3

TUBERCULOSIS

There were no deaths from tuberculosis this year and no new cases were notified.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. During 1961, 35 school leavers, (i.e.pupils aged 13 years and over),were skin tested and of these 32 required vaccination. The Chest Physician, Dr.Llewelyn Davies, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service carried out a special survey of the general population at Narberth on November the 2nd and 3rd this year and 171 people took advantage of this service. The results are as follows:-

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total No. examined	171	90	81
No.found to be abnormal	24 (14.03%)	10	14
No.requiring further observation	5 (2.92%)	1	4
Other abnormalities of the chest	19 (11.11%)	9	10

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services

<u>Vaccination</u>	Records were received during the year of 13 primary vaccinations against smallpox.
<u>Immunisation</u>	Records were received during the year of 14 diphtheria immunisations and 3 reinforcing injections, and also of 14 immunisations against whooping cough.

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are carried out at the clinic and by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS

During the early part of the year, the fourth injection was given to school children between the ages of five and twelve years. As the use of oral vaccine proved so satisfactory in the Hull epidemic, the Ministry of Health reduced and finally stopped supplying the Salk vaccine to Local Authorities while further work was being carried out on oral vaccine for general use.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.



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